

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1 - 43 cancelled.

44. (currently amended) A safe comprising:
2 a housing;
a door moveably mounted to the housing;
4 an electronic lock including a lock control circuit for selectively opening or
locking the door; and
6 a programmable control unit operatively associated with the electronic lock for
monitoring activities performed with the safe, the control unit comprising a communication
8 interface for communication on an external network, the control unit automatically transmitting
information associated with the monitored activities to a user via the external network responsive
10 to select changes in status of the monitored activities.

45. (previously presented) The safe of claim 44 wherein the monitored
2 activities comprise transactions performed with the electronic lock.

46. (previously presented) The safe of claim 44 wherein the electronic lock
2 comprises a duress sensor and the control unit transmits indication of a duress condition
determined by the duress sensor.

47. (previously presented) The safe of claim 44 wherein the control unit
2 transmits information associated with the monitored activities to a user via the external network
with an email notification.

48. (previously presented) The safe of claim 44 wherein the control unit
2 monitors transactions with the electronic lock over a period of time and records information
related to said transactions that identifies the type of transaction performed through the electronic
4 lock, and the recorded information is transmitted over the communication interface.

49. (previously presented) The safe of claim 48 wherein the control unit stores
2 an audit trail of monitored transactions including security information associated with each
monitored transaction.

50. (previously presented) The safe of claim 44 wherein the control unit
2 comprises a programmed computer using a graphical user interface based operating system.

51. (previously presented) The safe of claim 44 wherein the communication
2 interface comprises a modem.

52. (previously presented) The safe of claim 44 further comprising a video
2 capture device operatively associated with the control unit for monitoring an external area
proximate the safe, wherein the monitored activities comprise video information recorded by the
4 control unit.

53. (currently amended) An apparatus for monitoring a safe comprising:
2 an electronic lock for controlling a safe and through which a plurality of different
types of transactions can be performed; and
4 a programmable control unit coupled to said electronic lock for controlling said
electronic lock and recording security information related to the different types of transactions,
6 the control unit comprising a communication interface for communication on an external
network, the control unit automatically transmitting recorded security information to a user via
8 the external network responsive to performance of select ones of the transactions.

54. (previously presented) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53
2 wherein the recorded security information comprise transactions performed with the electronic
lock.

55. (previously presented) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53
2 wherein the electronic lock comprises a duress sensor and the control unit transmits indication of
a duress condition determined by the duress sensor.

56. (previously presented) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53
2 wherein the control unit transmits recorded security information to a user via the external
network with an email notification.

57. (previously presented) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53
2 wherein the control unit monitors transactions with the electronic lock over a period of time and
records security information related to said transactions that identifies the type of transaction
4 performed through the electronic lock, and the recorded information is transmitted over the
communication interface.

58. (previously presented) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 57
2 wherein the control unit stores an audit trail of monitored transactions including security
information associated with each monitored transaction.

59. (previously presented) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53
2 wherein the control unit comprises a programmed computer using a graphical user interface
based operating system.

60. (previously presented) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53
2 wherein the communication interface comprises a modem.

61. (previously presented) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53
2 further comprising a video capture device operatively associated with the control unit for
monitoring an external area proximate the safe, wherein the security information comprise video
4 information recorded by the control unit.

62. (previously presented) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53
2 wherein the control unit selectively marks the recorded security information in response to the
occurrence of at least one specific transaction.